

School Achievements

- ❑ National PTA School of Excellence 2022-2024
- ❑ Special Olympics Unified Champion School
- ❑ Lexington One Educational Foundation Innovation Grant Award Winner
- ❑ Lexington One Educational Foundation Bucks for Books Grant Award Winner
- ❑ Lexington One Educational Foundation International Teacher Grant Recipient
- ❑ Bronze Level—USDA Healthier US School
- ❑ Green Steps School
- ❑ Accredited by SC Department of Education and Cognia
- ❑ Palmetto Silver High Performance Award 2024-2025
- ❑ Recipient of Kids Heart Challenge and American Heart Challenge Grant - Spring 2025
- ❑ 2025-2026 PHES Teacher of the Year and Finalist for Lexington County School District One Teacher of the Year – Mary Elizabeth Copeland
- ❑ 2025-2026 PHES Support Staff of the Year – Heidi Wiser



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PHES SIC Members

Lauren Cone, <i>Parent</i>	Chair
Jennifer Askins, <i>Parent</i>	Vice Chair
Odaliz Martinez-Cruz, <i>Parent</i>	Secretary
Justin Hydrick, <i>Parent</i>	
Laurie Phipps, <i>Teacher</i>	
Amelia Richter, <i>Teacher</i>	
Izzy Wise, <i>Community Member</i>	
Veronda Campbell, <i>Community Member</i>	
Ramy Harik, <i>Community Member</i>	
Sarah Lewis, <i>PTA Member</i>	

PHES Administrators

Margaret B. Mitchum, *Principal*
 Dr. Myle Meetze, *Assistant Principal*
 Kelly Middleton, *Assistant Principal*



Purpose of the Report

“This Report is issued by the Pleasant Hill Elementary School Improvement Council in accordance with South Carolina law to share information on the school's progress in meeting various goals and objectives, the work of the SIC, and other accomplishments during the school year.”

Pleasant Hill Elementary School

“Preparing and Honoring
Every Student”

Annual School Improvement Council Report to Families and Our Community

2025-2026



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Our Vision:

Guiding All Students to Learn, Grow and Excel.

Our Theme This Year:

Teaming Up To Learn

SIC Accomplishments

Again this year, the PHES School Improvement Council made goals based on the results from a survey administered to PHES families. Our SIC asked families to identify areas for improvement at PHES as well as areas of strength. Our accomplishments, based on the identified goals, are explained below.

* Provide workshop for parents/guardians

Our SIC planned and presented a workshop for PHES parents/guardians regarding technology. The event, “Power Up Your Parenting” Technology Night afforded our parents/guardians to attend two of four sessions. The sessions focused on family online safety, exploring the new Viewsonic Interactive Panels in our classrooms, AI in grade 3-5 classrooms and balancing technology at school and home. Our digital learning coach and classroom teachers conducted the sessions.

* Improve Traffic Flow

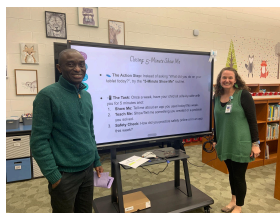
Signs were added in the PHES driveway to remind drivers to “Be Respectful”, “Be Responsible” and “Be Safe”. A “No Left Turn” sign is also being added. Drivers were also reminded throughout the school year to be patient, to be courteous and to drive slowly and cautiously.

* Beautify the School

A “Welcome to PHES” vinyl wrap mural was designed by Samar Mouawad Harik, former PHES parent, and was installed. This mural serves as an inviting entrance into our school and it also provides an added measure of security for our library. This is a wonderful addition to our school!

Some of the strengths of PHES as identified by our families include the following:

- * Talented and caring teachers and staff
- * Student learning that is fun and engaging
- * Numerous PTA events that are fun for the entire family
- * Exceptional communication
- * Safe and welcoming environment
- * Effective Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program



Student Achievement

Student Test Data – SC READY/SC PASS Percent of Students Scoring Meets or Exceeds

	2024- 2025	2023- 2024	2022- 2023
Math (SC READY)			
3 rd	64%	61.8%	69%
4 th	64%	64.1%	53%
5 th	57%	47.9%	63%
ELA (SC READY)			
3 rd	86%	73.3%	74%
4 th	83%	74.5%	70%
5 th	82%	70.9%	79%
Science (SC PASS)			
4 th	53%	N/A	42%

State of South Carolina Annual Report Card Ratings

	2024- 2025	2023- 2024	2022- 2023
Category			
Overall Rating	Good	Good	Good
Academic Achievement	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Preparing for Success	Average	N/A	Average
Multilingual Learners' Progress	Good	Good	Excellent
Student Progress	Average	Average	Average
School Climate	Average	Good	Average

For more information, you may view Pleasant Hill Elementary's “S.C. School Report Card” online at screportcards.com.

A Note from our PHES SIC Chair, Lauren Cone

On behalf of the PHES School Improvement Council, I want to thank you for your support all year long. We thank you for completing surveys, sharing ideas with us and volunteering to help at PHES. Working together, we can accomplish great things at PHES!

PHES School Work Plan for 2025-2026

The PHES School Work Plan for 2025-26 focused on improving student achievement in the area of math. Some steps taken include the following:

- Teacher professional learning in the area of math instruction
- Teacher sessions with our i-Ready consultant
- Grade level meetings with our math coach
- Securing additional math resources
- New math curriculum and standards

Our School Work Plan for 2025-26 also included an emphasis on the competencies of the Lexington One Graduate Profile. Teachers are incorporating these competencies into their lessons and students are learning how to apply these competencies in school and life.

